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(54) Signal structure for multicarrier modulation, which reduces the overhead requirement

(57) A transmission system is disclosed which permits the receiving end to demodulate multi-valued modulated symbols successfully under fading conditions and reduces the amount of transmit reference data to improve data transmission efficiency. At the transmitting end, a multiplexing section (101), a modulating section (102), and a transmitting section (103) are provided. In transmitting an OFDM transmission frame, null symbols and reference symbols are placed in the beginning portion of the frame and QPSK symbols are placed in an information symbol data region in the frame with equal spacings in time and frequency. At the receiving end, a receiving section (111), a demodulation (112) section, an equalizing section (113), and a demultiplexing section (117) are provided. An error detector (114) detects amplitude and phase errors of each carrier from the reference symbols, and a variation detector (115) detects variations in amplitude and phase of a received signal from the QPSK symbols. The carrier amplitude and phase errors are corrected by a correction information producing section (116) on the amplitude and phase variations of the received signal detected by the variation detector to produce correction information. The equalizing section equalizes the demodulated symbol data according to the correction information.

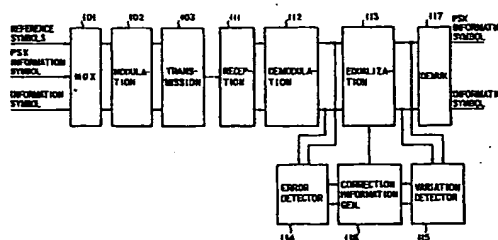


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